PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Hiroaki TAKAIWA et al.

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For:

IMMERSION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

WITH LIQUID DETECTION APPARATUS

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

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